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Subject: EPA's End of Year Evaluation of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California
FY03, FY04, and FY05 Clean Water Act Section 106 Grant

Dear Ms. Barry:

EPA has reviewed the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California's FY03, FY04 and FY05 performance under Clean Water Act Section 106 grant (Grant I-98902704) for the budget and project periods of 7/1/2003 through 6/30/2006. This review was based on the final reports, quarterly reports, and supplemental information submitted to EPA. We have concluded that you performed satisfactorily in all five core areas of grant performance (properly managed equipment, workplan progress, sufficient funds to complete the project, complying with all programmatic terms and conditions, and complying with all programmatic statutory and regulatory requirements). The report containing EPA's findings including successes and recommendations is enclosed for your review.

Please contact me if they have any questions or comments regarding the attached report. Thank you for your continued dedication to monitoring the water quality resources of the Carson River and surrounding waters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephanie L. Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Stephanie L. Wilson
Project Officer



END OF PROJECT REPORT FOR THE WASHOE TRIBE OF NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 106 GRANT

I. CWA, SECTION 106, WATER POLLUTION CONTROL GRANT: INTRODUCTION

A Clean Water Act, Section 106 grant award was made to the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California on July 22, 2003. The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California is located in Nevada and California. The Tribe has four communities, three in Nevada and one in California. In addition, there is a Washoe community located within the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and the Tribe has jurisdiction over trust allotments in both Nevada and California, and other tribally owned trust parcels. The Grant Agreement covered a budget and project period of 7/1/2003 to 6/30/2006. Federal funding awarded was \$465,028 with a 5% recipient match of \$24,390. This funding included Section 106 funding from FY03, FY04 and FY05 plus unexpended prior year funds. The tasks negotiated under the workplan included:

- Program Fiscal Administration
- Program Evaluation
- Program Capacity Building and Coordination
- Water Quality Monitoring and Quality Assurance
- Consultation and Outreach
- Response to Actions
- Regional and National Operations Committees
- Water Quality Standards
- Ground Water Protection
- Wetland Monitoring and Assessment

II. CURRENT FINDINGS

1. All tasks funded for Water Pollution Control workplan have been completed or are being completed. The tasks which were not entirely completed will be continued over the next fiscal year. Water quality monitoring activities were completed. Work continues on development of the TAS package for water quality standards. Staff turnover in the Tribe's legal department is delaying the TAS package slightly. However, revision of the standards is ongoing.
2. Equipment purchases were approved totaling \$37,774. This included one purchase over \$5,000 per unit price. The Tribe was authorized to purchase a vehicle to support water program activities. Other equipment purchases of less than \$5,000 per unit price included monitoring equipment, a GPS, and computer equipment .
3. The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California has not yet submitted the final FSR (per Financial Data Warehouse 11/3/2006). According to the Financial Data Warehouse, there is \$44,804 remaining in this grant. This corresponds with the amount reported in the Tribe's annual report.
4. Programmatic terms and conditions have been met.
5. Programmatic statutory and regulatory requirements have been met.



III. . SUCCESSES

Activities completed include the following (as well as many others):

1. Environmental assessments were compiled and the environmental plan amended.
2. The Tribe completed the surface water sampling/monitoring 4 times per year. The monitoring data was input into the database and the data analysis completed.
3. The QAPP was revised to include the Pine Nut Allotment tributaries.
4. The Draft 305(b) report was completed. The water quality data reports were completed and the Final Water Quality Status Report 2003-2006 was submitted to EPA.
5. The 6th revision to the draft water quality standards was completed. The TAS application was drafted and the attachments developed. The Legal Basis for the Tribe's application for TAS was included with the annual report. The Tribe started the detailed delineation of all tribal waterbodies.
6. Draft revisions to the Tribal Water Code were submitted to EPA.
7. The Tribe installed wellhead protection signs at fenced wells. They continued locating and documenting abandoned wellheads. All Washoe communities have been surveyed for potential contaminant sources. Lower Clear Creek wells were monitored. Wellhead protective fencing was completed at 2 Woodfords wellheads.
8. The Tribe ranked and developed an implementation schedule to protect and enhance wetlands. They completed vegetation evaluations and established monitoring points for the enhanced Stewart Ranch wetland. The wetland monitoring was completed using the Washoe Wetland Monitoring Handbook. Nine new wetlands were evaluated and monitored. The Tribe achieved an approximately 15 acre net increase in wetland on Washoe Tribal land. Management recommendations for tribal wetlands was completed. Wetlands were mapped using GPS. Sixty seven wetland and riparian sites were inventoried on Tribal lands.
9. The Tribe completed and submitted to EPA the Summary Report on TCE Plume Status.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Please include a summary of approved equipment purchases in the annual report.





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Subject: Annual Programmatic Review Report for CWA §106 - Water Pollution Control
Program Grant No. I-98902704

Dear Ms. Barry:

EPA has conducted a review of Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California's performance under the CWA §106 - Water Pollution Control Program Grant [I-98902704]. The report containing EPA's findings including the successes and recommendations is enclosed for your review.

Overall, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California has shown good progress in its Water Pollution Control Program. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding the attached report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tiffany Eastman".

Tiffany Eastman
Project Officer
Tribal Office, Water Division (WTR-10)

Enclosure - 1

cc: Gwen Brown, Grants Specialist, PMD-7, EPA



ANNUAL PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW REPORT

GRANT ID: I-98902704

RECIPIENT: WASHOE TRIBE OF NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA

I. INTRODUCTION

A Clean Water Act §106 - Water Pollution Control Program Grant was awarded to Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California in July 2003 and amended in February 2004 in the amount of \$135,028 with a recipient match of \$7,019 for a total budget of \$142,047 for the project and budget period of 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2004. This grant was amended for a second year in July and September 2004 with additional funds. However, this annual review will be for the project and budget period of 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2004 only.

Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California was committed to complete five major tasks in its CWA §106 grant workplan:

1. Program Administration;
2. Water Quality Monitoring Program and Water Quality Assurance Program Plan;
3. Community Outreach and Education;
4. Water Quality Standards Program; and
5. Continued development of the Groundwater Protection Program Well Monitoring.

II. CURRENT FINDINGS

1. Some of the approved equipment purchases under this awarded were properly managed and accounted for (Mini Troll and field equipment). However, EPA is unable to determine if the approved equipment purchase of a computer has been made therefore EPA is unable to determine if it is being properly managed and accounted for. Please see Recommendation #1 in this report to address this finding.
2. Most tasks and deliverables were completed in a timely manner and submitted to EPA. The Water Quality Standards Program task and Groundwater Protection Program task were carried forward into the second year of the grant for completion.
3. The final FSR for this grant is due to EPA within 90 days after the end of the budget period (06/30/2005). EPA's financial database on January 24, 2005 showed an unobligated balance of Federal funds in the amount of \$205,110.64. Of these funds, \$40,110.64 are FY04 funds and \$165,000 are new FY05 funds.
4. All programmatic terms and conditions were met. A Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) was approved on November 13, 2000 which covers all measurement activities undertaken in this grant.
5. All programmatic statutory and regulatory requirements were met.

III. SUCCESSES

During the project and budget period of 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2004, the following activities were completed:

1. Program Administration:
 - I. Prepared and submitted complete quarterly reports and an annual report.
 - II. WEPD staff attended multiple trainings.
 - III. Submitted multiple proposals for EPA grant programs related to water resource protection.
 - IV. WEPD staff attended and participated in multiple meetings of local, state, and federal agencies concerning surface and ground water protection.
2. Water Quality Monitoring Program:
 - I. Conducted water quality sampling on a quarterly basis.

- II. The results from the sampling were summarized and discussed in the annual report.
 - III. Identified water systems on Washoe Lands as being potential for significant impacts or as having had significant impacts to them.
- 3. Community Outreach and Education:
 - I. Held community meetings at each Tribal community.
 - II. Developed and distributed newsletters.
 - III. Held a "Washoe on the River Day" in April 2004.
 - IV. Developed and posted a new webpage for the water pollution control program.
- 4. Water Quality Standards Program:
 - I. Revised the draft Water Quality Standards several times for review by the Tribal Council and General Council.
 - II. Continued development of TAS for Water Quality Standards.
- 5. Ground Water Protection Program - Well Monitoring:
 - I. Monitored dataloggers and tank levels.
 - II. Maintained well database.
 - III. Attended multiple meetings and conferences concerning impacts to groundwater.
 - IV. Worked with Washoe Utilities Management Authority in obtaining well data.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California has done a good job programmatically in its CWA §106 program, however, two recommendations are given at this time to maintain or improve performance:

- 1. State if any of the approved equipment purchases were made during the quarter in the quarterly report.
- 2. Ensure all quarterly reports and deliverables are submitted to EPA in a timely manner.